

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

October 2006

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended October 14, 2006, there were 501,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan during October 2006, an increase of 2,600 from September 2006 and 21,800 more than the number employed in October 2005.

Agricultural employment was 47,700 persons in October 2006, down 3,100 from the September 2006 level and 500 less than the October 2005 agricultural employment level of 48,200. Non-agricultural employment was 454,000 persons in October 2006. This is an increase of 5,700 from the September 2006 non-agriculture employment level of 448,300 and 22,300 more than October 2005.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for October 2006 was 3.3 percent. This is a decrease of 0.6 percentage points from the September 2006 rate of 3.9 percent and 1.4 percentage points lower than the October 2005 level of 4.7 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 500 to 518,900 persons in October 2006 from 519,400 persons in September 2006. This is 15,500 more than the October 2005 labour force of 503,400 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.1 percentage points to 69.5 percent in October 2006 from 69.6 percent in September 2006. The October 2005 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 67.2 percent.

There were 17,200 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during October 2006. This is a decrease of 3,200 from September 2006 and is 6,300 less than the number unemployed in October 2005.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 500,300 persons employed in Saskatchewan in October 2006, up 3,000 from the September 2006 level of 497,300 and is also up 21,500 from the October 2005 employment level of 478,800 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October 2006 was 3.9 percent. This is a decrease of 0.4 percentage points from the September 2006 rate of 4.3 percent and 1.3 percentage points lower than the October 2005 rate of 5.2 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 57,500 persons in October 2006 to 16,623,400 persons from 16,565,900 persons in September 2006. In October 2005, there were 16,331,400 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.3 percentage points to 5.6 percent from the September 2006 level of 5.9 percent. In October 2005, Canada's unemployment rate 6.1 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.2 percent in October 2006. This is 0.2 percentage points lower than September 2006 and 0.4 percentage points lower than the October 2005 level of 6.6 percent.

For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6327 or visit www.stats.gov.sk.ca

TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	October 2006	September 2006	October 2005	Change from	
				Last Month	Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	17,606.7	17,610.4	17,388.7	-3.7	218.0
Employed ('000)	16,623.4	16,565.9	16,331.4	57.5	292.0
Full-Time ('000)	13,593.1	13,659.0	13,242.0	-65.9	351.1
Part-Time ('000)	3,030.3	2,906.8	3,089.5	123.5	-59.2
Unemployed ('000)	983.3	1,044.5	1,057.2	-61.2	-73.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	5.9	6.1	-0.3	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.2	6.4	6.6	-0.2	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	66.9	67.0	67.1	-0.1	-0.2
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	518.9	519.4	503.4	-0.5	15.5
Employed ('000)	501.7	499.1	479.9	2.6	21.8
Full-Time ('000)	404.1	409.9	381.2	-5.8	22.9
Part-Time ('000)	97.6	89.1	98.6	8.5	-1.0
Unemployed ('000)	17.2	20.4	23.5	-3.2	-6.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.3	3.9	4.7	-0.6	-1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	3.9	4.3	5.2	-0.4	-1.3
Participation Rate (%)	69.5	69.6	67.2	-0.1	2.3
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	1,957.7	1,948.7	1,862.5	9.0	95.2
Employed ('000)	1,901.7	1,886.2	1,791.5	15.5	110.2
Full-Time ('000)	1,606.9	1,594.7	1,468.5	12.2	138.4
Part-Time ('000)	294.8	291.5	323.0	3.3	-28.2
Unemployed ('000)	56.0	62.5	71.0	-6.5	-15.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.9	3.2	3.8	-0.3	-0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	3.0	3.5	4.0	-0.5	-1.0
Participation Rate (%)	73.2	73.2	72.4	0.0	0.8
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	612.8	615.1	608.0	-2.3	4.8
Employed ('000)	590.1	590.1	582.9	0.0	7.2
Full-Time ('000)	469.3	475.5	467.4	-6.2	1.9
Part-Time ('000)	120.9	114.6	115.5	6.3	5.4
Unemployed ('000)	22.7	25.0	25.0	-2.3	-2.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.7	4.1	4.1	-0.4	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.2	4.4	4.5	-0.2	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	68.6	68.9	68.3	-0.3	0.3

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	October <u>2006</u>	September <u>2006</u>	October <u>2005</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	518.9	519.4	503.4	-0.5	15.5
Male	276.9	277.7	271.1	-0.8	5.8
Female	242.0	241.7	232.3	0.3	9.7
15-24 Years of Age	96.2	98.6	91.0	-2.4	5.2
25+ Years of age	422.7	420.9	412.4	1.8	10.3
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	501.7	499.1	479.9	2.6	21.8
Male	267.3	267.4	259.0	-0.1	8.3
Female	234.3	231.7	220.8	2.6	13.5
15-24 Years of Age	90.3	89.9	82.2	0.4	8.1
25+ Years of age	411.4	409.2	397.6	2.2	13.8
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	17.2	20.4	23.5	-3.2	-6.3
Male	9.5	10.4	12.1	-0.9	-2.6
Female	7.6	10.0	11.4	-2.4	-3.8
15-24 Years of Age	5.9	8.7	8.8	-2.8	-2.9
25+ Years of age	11.2	11.7	14.7	-0.5	-3.5
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>	3.3	3.9	4.7	-0.6	-1.4
Male	3.4	3.7	4.5	-0.3	-1.1
Female	3.1	4.1	4.9	-1.0	-1.8
15-24 Years of Age	6.1	8.8	9.7	-2.7	-3.6
25+ Years of age	2.6	2.8	3.6	-0.2	-1.0
<u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u>	69.5	69.6	67.2	-0.1	2.3
Male	75.3	75.5	73.4	-0.2	1.9
Female	64.0	63.9	61.2	0.1	2.8
15-24 Years of Age	70.0	71.7	65.8	-1.7	4.2
25+ Years of age	69.5	69.2	67.6	0.3	1.9

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	October <u>2006</u>	September <u>2006</u>	October <u>2005</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u>					
Agriculture	47.7	50.8	48.2	-3.1	-0.5
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	22.2	22.6	18.8	-0.4	3.4
Utilities	4.6	4.3	4.4	0.3	0.2
Construction	33.3	31.2	28.9	2.1	4.4
Manufacturing	28.2	29.0	29.8	-0.8	-1.6
Trade	80.1	77.7	74.1	2.4	6.0
Transportation and Warehousing	26.3	26.0	24.5	0.3	1.8
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	26.1	24.7	25.1	1.4	1.0
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	19.9	19.8	17.8	0.1	2.1
Business, Building and Other Support Services	12.4	12.1	12.8	0.3	-0.4
Educational Services	40.6	39.3	39.4	1.3	1.2
Health Care and Social Assistance	58.8	58.8	59.0	0.0	-0.2
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.3	21.1	20.7	-0.8	-0.4
Accommodation and Food Services	31.8	31.7	26.9	0.1	4.9
Other Services	22.0	22.6	22.5	-0.6	-0.5
Public Administration	27.4	27.4	27.0	0.0	0.4
Total	501.7	499.1	479.9	2.6	21.8
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	404.1	409.9	381.2	-5.8	22.9
Part-Time	97.6	89.1	98.6	8.5	-1.0
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	404.9	402.6	380.8	2.3	24.1
Public Sector	121.8	122.2	120.5	-0.4	1.3
Private Sector	283.2	280.4	260.3	2.8	22.9
Self-Employed	96.7	96.5	99.1	0.2	-2.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	October <u>2006</u>	September <u>2006</u>	October <u>2005</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	16,623.4	16,565.9	16,331.4	57.5	292.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	221.4	225.3	215.9	-3.9	5.5
Prince Edward Island	69.2	71.2	69.7	-2.0	-0.5
Nova Scotia	445.2	443.4	447.1	1.8	-1.9
New Brunswick	355.5	357.1	351.2	-1.6	4.3
Quebec	3,805.4	3,809.8	3,759.0	-4.4	46.4
Ontario	6,505.2	6,472.7	6,473.4	32.5	31.8
Manitoba	590.1	590.1	582.9	0.0	7.2
Saskatchewan	501.7	499.1	479.9	2.6	21.8
Alberta	1,901.7	1,886.2	1,791.5	15.5	110.2
British Columbia	2,228.1	2,211.0	2,160.9	17.1	67.2
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	5.6	5.9	6.1	-0.3	-0.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.8	11.8	13.9	1.0	-1.1
Prince Edward Island	9.2	7.8	9.1	1.4	0.1
Nova Scotia	7.2	7.1	7.7	0.1	-0.5
New Brunswick	7.2	7.3	9.7	-0.1	-2.5
Quebec	7.0	7.3	7.7	-0.3	-0.7
Ontario	5.8	6.3	5.9	-0.5	-0.1
Manitoba	3.7	4.1	4.1	-0.4	-0.4
Saskatchewan	3.3	3.9	4.7	-0.6	-1.4
Alberta	2.9	3.2	3.8	-0.3	-0.9
British Columbia	4.2	4.4	4.6	-0.2	-0.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**(3 Month Moving Average)**

	<u>Aug-Oct</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>July-Sept</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Aug-Oct</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
CANADIAN CITIES					
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
St. John's	7.7	7.7	8.3	0.0	-0.6
Halifax	4.7	5.3	4.8	-0.6	-0.1
Saint John	6.0	6.8	7.6	-0.8	-1.6
Quebec	5.1	4.9	4.7	0.2	0.4
Montreal	7.7	8.1	8.7	-0.4	-1.0
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.5	5.7	6.9	-0.2	-1.4
Greater Sudbury	7.8	7.9	7.7	-0.1	0.1
Toronto	6.9	7.3	6.7	-0.4	0.2
Winnipeg	4.6	5.0	5.1	-0.4	-0.5
Regina	4.6	5.2	5.1	-0.6	-0.5
Saskatoon	3.9	4.3	5.8	-0.4	-1.9
Calgary	3.2	3.6	4.1	-0.4	-0.9
Edmonton	3.8	4.3	4.2	-0.5	-0.4
Vancouver	4.3	4.7	5.4	-0.4	-1.1
Victoria	4.4	4.1	4.7	0.3	-0.3
SASKATCHEWAN					
<u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	151.4	150.8	147.7	0.6	3.7
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	55.4	55.2	50.5	0.2	4.9
Saskatoon-Biggar	158.3	159.3	152.5	-1.0	5.8
Yorkton-Melville	40.6	40.9	42.2	-0.3	-1.6
Prince Albert & Northern	95.2	95.6	91.2	-0.4	4.0

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

TABLE 6

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY
FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Aug-Oct 2006	July-Sept 2006	Aug-Oct 2005	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<u>TOTAL POPULATION</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	522.5	525.6	511.3	-3.1	11.2
Employed ('000)	499.4	500.1	484.1	-0.7	15.3
Unemployed ('000)	23.0	25.5	27.2	-2.5	-4.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	4.9	5.3	-0.5	-0.9
Participation Rate (%)	70.0	70.5	68.3	-0.5	1.7
Employment Rate (%)	66.9	67.0	64.6	-0.1	2.3
<u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	485.3	487.9	474.1	-2.6	11.2
Employed ('000)	467.3	467.6	452.7	-0.3	14.6
Unemployed ('000)	18.0	20.3	21.4	-2.3	-3.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.7	4.2	4.5	-0.5	-0.8
Participation Rate (%)	70.6	71.0	68.6	-0.4	2.0
Employment Rate (%)	68.0	68.0	65.5	0.0	2.5
<u>ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	37.1	37.7	37.2	-0.6	-0.1
Employed ('000)	32.1	32.5	31.4	-0.4	0.7
Unemployed ('000)	5.0	5.2	5.8	-0.2	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.5	13.9	15.7	-0.4	-2.2
Participation Rate (%)	63.1	64.2	64.6	-1.1	-1.5
Employment Rate (%)	54.6	55.3	54.5	-0.7	0.1
<u>NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	14.4	15.1	14.9	-0.7	-0.5
Employed ('000)	11.5	11.6	11.8	-0.1	-0.3
Unemployed ('000)	2.9	3.5	3.1	-0.6	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	20.2	22.9	20.6	-2.7	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	54.0	56.5	57.0	-2.5	-3.0
Employment Rate (%)	43.1	43.5	45.2	-0.4	-2.1
<u>MÉTIS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	22.7	22.6	22.2	0.1	0.5
Employed ('000)	20.6	20.9	19.5	-0.3	1.1
Unemployed ('000)	2.1	1.8	2.7	0.3	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.1	7.8	12.2	1.3	-3.1
Participation Rate (%)	70.7	70.6	71.2	0.1	-0.5
Employment Rate (%)	64.2	65.1	62.5	-0.9	1.7

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpreting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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